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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether any propaganda work was carried on by the Government in favour of prohibition ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Hon. Members know as well as I do that propaganda work has not yet been started by the Government."

Grants to local bodies and Temperance Organizations for anti-drink propaganda work.

*1213 *Q.*—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the conditions on which it is proposed to give grants to local bodies and Temperance Organizations for anti-drink propaganda work ;

(*b*) whether the organizations in receipt of aid will be at perfect liberty to criticise the Excise policy of the Government and work for total prohibition ; and

(*c*) whether orders will be issued to the officers of the Public Health Department to co-operate with the Temperance Organizations in carrying on the propaganda ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) These questions will be considered when a detailed scheme has been framed for propaganda work.

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister has called for any report from temperance associations or local bodies for carrying on propaganda work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Number of associations and local bodies have been addressed on the subject."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know when it is likely that a detailed scheme will be framed and published ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It is being done and I hope to have it ready soon."

Mr. A KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government are for total prohibition or for something else ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I believe, Mr. President, that this question has been answered number of times in this Council and, if my hon. Friend wants a detailed reply on the point I will refer to him to the proceedings or I will repeat them again some other day. The whole question has been answered in this Council number of times."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" It is stated in answer to this question that a detailed scheme is going to be framed for carrying on propaganda work. Therefore do the Government want to postpone any kind of propaganda work until those details are worked out ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Because propaganda cannot be started till a detailed scheme has been worked out ? "

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether the Government are going to allot any sums for this propaganda work in the next year's budget ? "

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The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Yes, that is the idea."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" Are we to understand that Government are not moving in any manner at all ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" They are moving as rapidly as possible."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know whether the Excise department will do propaganda work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" All that can be settled in the scheme only."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" Have Government formulated any policy to achieve to some extent the ideal put forward by a resolution of this Council, viz., prohibition ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The whole scheme is for that."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" Is the Excise department prepared to incur any loss in their revenue ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The policy of the Government has been greater revenue and less drink."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" More drink also brings more revenue ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It may be so, Sir."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" Have the Government issued any kind of instruction to the Excise staff for cutting short the number of liquor shops ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The staff has been instructed to act according to the needs of the place."

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" Is it a fact that the Finance Committee has turned down certain sums proposed to be spent for carrying on propaganda ? "

The hon. the President :—" I think we are not concerned with the grants."

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" We are concerned with grants proposed to be made to local bodies ? "

The hon. the President :—" Government are not local bodies."

Travelling allowances for members of the Excise Advisory Committee for inspection work.

* 1214 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals before the Government to permit the non-official chairman and members of the Excise Advisory Committee to inspect localities when objection is taken for the location of shops ;

(*b*) whether they will be entitled to draw the usual travelling and other allowances ; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what the rates of allowances are ?